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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
LOS ALAMITOS QUARTER HORSE RACING ASSOCIATION
TO THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

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Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of September 17, 2019 through September 22, 2019.

Tuesday

9/17/2019

(1) DUTY STEWARD

James Dreyer will monitor entries in addition to authoring the minutes during this reporting period.

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

The fourth race in the book, maidens three and up for a \$5,000 claim, was called off with no entries

(3) THE DRAW

A total of forty-nine equines will comprise Friday evening's two Thoroughbred and five Quarter Horse races.

Wednesday

9/18/2019

(1) SCRATCHES

One rider switch completed Friday's program changes.

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

The fourth race in the book, maidens three and up, for a \$12,500 tag, failed to attract an entry.

(3) THE DRAW

The draw was finalized at 1:30 pm consisting of two Thoroughbred and six Quarter Horse races.

Thursday

9/19/2019

(1) SCRATCHES

Scratch time was conducted at 9:00 am resulting in two rider changes.

Friday
9/20/2019

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

The first race in the book, maidens two years old and up, for a \$6,250 claim, was used open. 2 Cal-Breds.

(3) THE DRAW

Sunday's emphasis will be on the \$125,000 Mildred N. Vessels Handicap for fillies and mares three and up.

(1) SCRATCHES

There were no changes on Sunday evening's program.

(2) RULING #242

RULING #242

PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1766 (DESIGNATED RACES), JOCKEY CRUZ MENDEZ, HAVING PARTICIPATED IN MORE THAN ONE DESIGNATED RACE ON BOTH SEPTEMBER 14TH AND 15TH, 2019 WHILE UNDER SUSPENSION, SHALL SERVE TWO ADDITIONAL SUSPENSION DAYS (SEPTEMBER 28TH AND 29TH, 2019) IN ORDER TO SATISFY THE TERMS OF L.A.Q.H. RULING #229, DATED SEPTEMBER 6, 2019.

The foregoing ruling was issued after Jockey Mendez rode more than one trial on both Saturday and Sunday.

(3) RULING #243

RULING # 243

JOCKEY ARMANDO R. CERVANTES IS FINED ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$150.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688(b)(6) (USE OF RIDING CROP-MORE THAN THREE TIMES IN SUCCESSION, WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND-SECOND OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE SECOND RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SEPTEMBER 15, 2019.

The above ruling was issued after Jockey Cervantes was observed violating Rule #1688 (b)(6).

(4) RULING #244

RULING # 244

HAVING RECEIVED EVIDENCE THAT OWNER MAX GUERRERO SATISFIED HIS ALLEGED DEBT TO EQUINE SPORTS MEDICINE LRO, INC., RULING LAQL #160 DATED JUNE 29, 2019 IS SET ASIDE, AND MR. GUERRERO'S LICENSE IS RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING.

Having been notified by Equine Sports Medicine that Max Guerrero's debt to them had been satisfied, the foregoing ruling was issued.

(5) RULING #245

RULING # 245

GROOM MARCO ARGUETA, HAVING FAILED TO RESPOND TO CHARGES ALLEGING VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1489(a)(8) (GROUNDS FOR DENIAL OR REFUSAL OF LICENSE), #1874 (DISORDERLY CONDUCT), #1900 (GROUNDS FOR SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION), AND #1930 (OBEDIENCE TO SECURITY OFFICERS AND PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS), IS SUSPENDED FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1547 (FAILURE TO APPEAR).

DURING THE TERM OF SUSPENSION, ALL LICENSES AND LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF MARCO ARGUETA ARE SUSPENDED AND PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1528 (JURISDICTION OF STEWARDS TO SUSPEND OR FINE). MARCO ARGUETA IS DENIED ACCESS TO ALL PREMISES IN THIS

JURISDICTION.

The above ruling was issued after groom Marco Argueta failed to appear to address complaint #19LA0177.

(6) COMPLAINT #19LA0193

An informal hearing was convened this afternoon to hear the above complaint. Dr. Nicola Hardgrove testified that she thought her confidential had been sent in until she was contacted by Investigator Blake and told they could not locate it. She then reviewed her records and realized it had not been submitted. The testimony will be evaluated and a decision will be forthcoming.

Dr. Beck suggested that in the future, she might note the number of pages being sent on the first page of her confidentials. This would allow the receiving barn to be aware something was missing and notify her of the missing information.

(7) CLAIM VOIDED

The seventh race claim of Bigger Than Big by trainer Ricardo Guillen was voided after Dr. Beck placed the gelding on the vet's list as unsound. He was returned to trainer Paul Jones.

(8) LATE DECLARATIONS

2nd Race #3 Bottle Rocket (J. Uranga) – Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$64.00
 #1 Papa Jerry's Girl (K. Castaneda) – Entered Back – Stewards'. Refund \$140.00
 #5 Lucky Cotton (R. Lucas) – Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$97.00
6th Race #2 Fire and Sauce (J. Gomez) – Unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$132
7th Race #8 Cupids Fast Arrow (M. Robbins) – Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$428.00

(9) DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

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|--------------|-------|--------------|
| On track | 529 | \$71,731.00 |
| Off track | 1,754 | \$307,954.00 |
| Out of state | N/A | \$518,518.00 |
| Total | 2,283 | \$898,203.00 |

Saturday
9/21/2019

(1) RULING #246 (REFER-9/20/19-#6)

RULING # 246

NICOLA HARDGROVE, DVM, IS SUSPENDED FOR FIVE DAYS (SEPTEMBER 27TH, 28TH, 29TH, 30TH, AND OCTOBER 1ST, 2019) AND FINED FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1842 (VETERINARIAN REPORT).

DURING THE TERM OF SUSPENSION, ALL LICENSES AND LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF NICOLA HARDGROVE ARE SUSPENDED AND PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1528 (JURISDICTION OF STEWARDS TO SUSPEND OR FINE). NICOLA HARDGROVE IS DENIED ACCESS TO ALL PREMISES IN THIS JURISDICTION.

After reviewing Dr. Hardgrove's previous record and considering the testimony, the foregoing ruling was issued.

(2) COMPLAINT #19LA0182

An informal hearing was conducted today to hear the above referenced complaint. Trainer Jorge Farias had no idea how the positive occurred, but he assured us he had given Bute to his last equine. The Bute was administered by a Veterinarian. A decision in this matter will be rendered.

(3) CLAIM VOIDED

The first race claim of Champagne Honey by Trainer Santos Perez was voided after the filly was placed on the vet's list as unsound by Dr. Beck. She was returned to trainer Blake Heap.

(4) INQUIRY-DISQUALIFICATION

The Stewards posted the inquiry following the sixth race to review an incident mid-stretch. #5 Special JB (3rd- A. Viramontes) drifts out, causing #6 Get Away Car (5th-R. Castro) to steady. After speaking to the riders involved and a thorough examination of the film, the Stewards, in a majority vote, Dreyer dissenting, elected to disqualify Special JB.

Original Order 3-7-(5)-2-6-1-4
Official Order 3-7-2-6-(5)-1-4

(5) LATE DECLARATIONS

2nd Race #4 Saddle Club (J. Mendoza) – Sick – Dr. Beck. Refund \$107.00
 #6 Papa Jerry's Girl (K. Castaneda) – Unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$99.00

(6) DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

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|--------------|-------|--------------|
| On track | 721 | \$101,169.10 |
| Off track | 1,859 | \$327,404.00 |
| Out of state | N/A | \$511,583.81 |
| Total | 2,580 | \$940,156.91 |

Sunday
9/22/2019

(1) RULING #247 (REFER 9/21/19-#2)

RULING # 247

TRAINER JORGE FARIAS, WHO STARTED THE HORSE "PLAN B", THE FIFTH PLACE FINISHER IN THE THIRD RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON AUGUST 11, 2019, IS FINED ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00)* PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1887 (TRAINER OR OWNER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1843 (A & D) (MEDICATION, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES), AND #1843.1 (A) (PROHIBITED DRUG SUBSTANCES-PHENYLBUTAZONE).

After due consideration, the foregoing ruling was issued.

(2) RULING #248

Ruling # 248

JOCKEY ARMANDO VIRAMONTES, WHO RODE "SPECIAL JB" IN THE SIXTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SEPTEMBER 21, 2019, IS SUSPENDED FOR THREE RACING DAYS (3) (SEPTEMBER 29TH AND OCTOBER 4TH AND 5TH, 2019) FOR FAILURE TO MAKE THE PROPER EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE, CAUSING INTERFERENCE WHICH RESULTED IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF HIS MOUNT FROM THIRD TO FIFTH POSITION. THIS CONSTITUTES A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1699 (RIDING RULES- CARELESS RIDING). PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1766 (DESIGNATED RACES), THE TERM OF SUSPENSION SHALL NOT PROHIBIT PARTICIPATION IN DESIGNATED RACES.

The above ruling was issued after the Stewards reviewed the sixth race and could find no evidence of Jockey Viramontes making any attempt to correct his mounts wayward path, resulting in his disqualification. Jockey Viramontes must have felt he had no defense as he chose not to attend the review.

(3) GOOD NIGHT

Sunday's program was completed with nothing of significance to note.

(4) LATE DECLARATIONS

1st Race #2 Licenciado (A. Vallejo) – Unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$129.00
3rd Race #4 Orizaba (C. Villamar) – Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$95.00
6th Race #1 Catching Fire Z (V. Zamudio) – Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$71.00
7th Race #1 Twisted Sifter (R. Figueroa) – Sick – Dr. Beck. Refund \$74.00

(5) DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

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|--------------|-------|----------------|
| On track | 508 | \$78,819.80 |
| Off track | 1,630 | \$247,882.80 |
| Out of state | N/A | \$714,977.91 |
| Total | 2,138 | \$1,041,680.51 |

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on September 22, 2019. There were no equine deaths to report this week. During this reporting period, 15 horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: 8 for soundness, 5 for injury, and 2 for sickness. Nine horses previously on the Veterinarian's List were examined and removed from the list. This report was submitted by Steward James Dreyer.

SUMMARY

| | Wed | Thurs | Fri 9/20 | Sat 9/21 | Sun 9/22 | Week | Meet |
|-------------------------|-----|-------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------|------|
| Accidents | D | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Cal-Bred Races | A | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 23 |
| Claims | R | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 209 |
| Disqualification | K | | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 29 |
| Inquiries | | D | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 59 |
| Refunds | | A | 5 | 2 | 4 | 11 | 346 |
| Rulings | | Y | 4 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 247 |
| Voided Claims | | S | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 44 |

Stewards' Attendance: Stewards James Dreyer, Tom Ward, Scott Chaney and Safety Steward David Nuesch were in attendance during this reporting period.

James Dreyer, Steward

Tom Ward, Steward

Scott Chaney, Steward

David Nuesch, Safety Steward